



# Montgomery County Council

***From the Offices of Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Michael Knapp***

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## **Councilmembers Floreen and Knapp oppose MTA proposal to eliminate MARC train service at Boyds and Dickerson**

Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Michael Knapp introduced a resolution, which the Council unanimously approved today, opposing the proposed elimination of MARC train service to the upcounty stations of Boyds and Dickerson.

Calling the proposal a contradiction to all we have been working toward and a blow to the train commuting public, Councilmember Floreen noted that the County continually strives to increase mass transit commuting options for our residents. "Closing these two stations and putting more commuters on our already overcrowded roads does not make sense," said Councilmember Floreen, "especially in the upcounty areas that are booming and with a population increase of 40,000 residents in Clarksburg in the not too distant future."

Councilmember Knapp, whose district includes the effected communities, was appalled to have learned that the State had made these recommendations without consulting the County. "This proposal runs counter to our transit goals for the upcounty. We need to be pushing for more commuting options – not less."

"There are currently six MARC stations that serve the upcounty and its residents. The County needs them ***all*** to offer commuters options for getting back and forth to work."

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